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U. S. CONGRESS.—In the Senate, yesterday, Mr. Sherman introduced a series of resolutions, declaring 1st. That a quorum of Senators consists of a majority of Senators duly chosen and qualified. 2d. That if a majority of the Presidential electors, duly appointed and qualified, vote for one person, he is the President. 3d. That if the election of President devolves upon the House of Representatives, and the votes of a majority of the States represented in the House be cast for one person, he is the President. The resolutions were referred to the Judiciary Committee, and ordered to be printed. A motion was agreed to, setting apart to-morrow for the consideration of the bill repealing all acts for the rendition of fugitive slaves.

In the House of Representatives, a resolution was offered by Mr. Cox, of Ohio, requesting President Lincoln, to communicate to the House what steps had been taken to effect an exchange of prisoners and also all unpublished correspondence on the subject, which went over. A bill for carrying the mail from the United States to foreign ports was passed.—The deficiency bill was next taken up in Committee of the Whole and debated.

The New York World of yesterday has a rumor coming via New Orleans "that on the 16th Sherman was totally defeated at Chunkey river, a confluent of the Oktibbeha, not far from Meridian, where he suffered a loss of fifteen thousand men, and his army was totally broken up. The position at Chunkey river is said to have been equal to that of Lee at Fredericksburg, and that Polk had been reinforced by Breckinridge and Cleburne, and was more than a match for Sherman." Southern papers give advices of Sherman's movements up to the 22d ult., but no fighting, according to these, had taken place. The World's correspondent, however, assents that "one thing is well ascertained, and that is, that the Confederates have full possession of Sherman's line of communication with Vicksburg, and have all their cavalry under S. D. Lee, Wirt Adams and Forrest in his rear." From Washington, it is again announced, "that the War Department has received no official intelligence recently concerning Sherman's expedition."

The New York Herald's Western Virginia dispatch says the cavalry expedition under Lieut. Col. Root, of the 15th N. York cavalry, has returned from Pendleton county, and reports no Confederates in that vicinity. The expedition destroyed the salt works at Franklin.

Robert Ballenger of the 6th Va. cavalry, son of Mr. Peyton Ballenger, of this city, is a prisoner at Camp Chase, Ohio. He was captured at Upperville, Loudoun county, on the 22d ult.

CITY GOVERNMENT.—A quorum of both branches of the City Council was present last night; the Common Council was organized, and the Mayor sworn in.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.—George W. Schull was elected Clerk, the rules and joint rules of the last Board were adopted as the rules of the present Board, and the following joint standing committees appointed.

On Finance and Salaries, L. McKenzie and Andrew Jamieson.

On Public Property, A. C. Harmon and Jas. Vansant.

On Light, Robt. Bell and A. C. Harmon.

On Claims, J. P. Agnew and Edward Burchell.

On Streets, A. C. Harmon and Robert Bell.

On the Poor, Lewis McKenzie and Robert Bell.

On General Laws, A. Jamieson and J. P. Agnew.

On Public Schools, R. Bell and A. Jamieson.

A petition from J. T. Price for permission to change a store-house at No. 28, King street into a livery stable, and a petition from Geo. E. White & Co. for permission to erect a wooden building in the rear of the old Theatre building, were referred to the committee on streets.

It was resolved that at the next meeting of the city council an election for city officers be held, after which the Board adjourned.

COMMON COUNCIL.—The newly elected members of this branch of the City Council met at their chamber last night.

W. D. Massey and Samuel Baker were put in nomination for President when upon a ballot W. D. Massey was elected, he having received twelve votes and S. Baker two.

R. Johnston was unanimously elected clerk and A. J. Ogden, messenger.

The members were then sworn in, by taking an oath to support the Constitution of the United States, the "restored government of Virginia," &c., after which the rules of order of the last council were adopted as the rules of the present.

The members of the Board of Aldermen were then invited into the chamber, and C. A. Ware, Mayor elect, was duly sworn in, L. McKenzie administering the oath.

The resolution from the Board of Aldermen, that the City Council go into an election of city officers at the next meeting (the 4th Tuesday of March,) was concurred in.

The petitions of J. T. Price and E. W. White, & Co. received from the Board of Aldermen, and by them referred to the Committee on Streets, were received, and the action of the Board concurred in.

The resignation of W. W. White, as Measurer of Wood and Bark, was received but no action taken on it, as it was stated that he had not qualified.

The President announced the following joint standing committees:

On Finance and Salaries, J. E. Carlin and Jeff. Tacey.

On Light, Samuel Baker and H. S. Martin.
On Public Property, Wm. Arnold and J. C. Clark.

On Claims, J. L. Dyson and Jesse Sherwood.

On Streets, H. S. Martin and G. Hulst.
On The Poor, Samuel Baker and A. Moran.
On General Laws, W. N. Berkley, J. Tacey, R. S. Robinson and C. N. Gregory.

On Public Schools, J. Tacey and W. J. Cowing.

The Council then adjourned.

COUNTY COURT.—(From the Record.)—MONDAY.—On the bench, Lewis McKenzie, C. C. Wade and W. L. Penn.

The report of the commissioner, in settlement of the account of Robert Jamieson Executor of Mary Mandeville, deceased, exhibited by Andrew Jamieson, was confirmed and ordered to be recorded.

Melinda Watson was exonerated from the payment of an erroneous assessment of \$1.10, and J. D. Jelliffe from an erroneous assessment of \$2.38.

Gilbert S. Miner was substituted as trustee in place of Albert Stuart, in a deed of trust from Wm. Miller and wife to James L. Adams.

The following cases were continued: Dunnington vs. Baggett—on an appeal—Goettal vs. Parsons, et als.—on an appeal—Warner vs. Evans—on an appeal—C. E. Klockar vs. Hunt, Clark & Co.—on a petition.

The case of Martha Bruin vs. David Williams—unlawful detainer—was dismissed.

A narrative of the Kilpatrick raid, carefully prepared, and published in the Washington Chronicle, purporting to be derived from an officer who was with the expedition, estimates the Federal loss at two hundred men. The Washington correspondent of the New York World in addition to the casualties already mentioned, asserts that Kilpatrick's movement has resulted in the loss of a thousand horses from fatigue, accident and overwork, and that Kilpatrick had an escape instead of a triumph.

Provost Marshal General Fry has published an official order suspending the draft throughout the United States, and saying that a subsequent day will be announced for its resumption.

The Brooklyn Sanitary Fair, up to Saturday night, had realized three hundred and ninety thousand dollars.

An extensive fire is said to have occurred at Pensacola on the 10th ult.

Judge Dristle, in the Kentucky Chancery Court, decided an assignment for disloyal firms for the security of credits generally, to be valid.

Baker, the Provost Marshal of the U. S. War Department has received authority to increase his cavalry regiment to a brigade.

Mr. A. T. Stewart, of New York, is the gentleman who has just given Yale College ninety thousand dollars for a new dormitory.